



SIXTH FORM

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 24th October, 6-8pm

# Welcome to Sixth Form Open Evening

## Our Offer

Oriel Sixth Form is an exciting, supportive and innovative place to spend your post-16 studies. We work with our students to build upon the foundations from years 7-11 at Oriel High School or elsewhere, increasing the expectation of students to work independently whilst using your relationships with expert teachers and tutors to enhance your progression.

It also allows you, as one of the most senior members of the school, to take on responsibilities as a role model and leader for our younger students. The focus is squarely on academic success, but we will also encourage you to develop your life skills, aspirations and employability. You will leave the Sixth Form as an independent learner and thinker and a responsible young adult.

## What can you expect tonight?

Each of our Sixth Form subjects is represented tonight by expert teachers and current students. Find out about the course, the experience, our successes and where studying each course could take you.

Please use the map provided to find the subjects on offer.

Do also take the time to visit the Common Room and the Sixth Form corridor where you will see the range of spaces and facilities our Sixth Form students have exclusively for their use including:

- Silent/ Quiet/ Conversational workspaces with laptops available for their use
- Common Room and Sixth Form Café with Pool Table and Student-led display boards and community resources



# Why choose Oriel Sixth Form?

## Our Results

We are proud of the results achieved by our students. Progress being made by students in the Sixth Form is good and we are always looking for ways to make it even better.

Taking our Sixth Form students from their starting point on GCSE Results Day through 2 years of quality teaching, independent work and support means our students achieve their expected grades and can follow their dreams into whatever their next steps may be.

We consistently outperform the local and national picture in the number of students that stay with us from Year 12 into Year 13 - 98% of students progressed from Year 12 into Year 13 (West Sussex 79%\*).

We will always celebrate the successes of the full range of students who join our Sixth Form- look around you tonight and you will see many different stories with many different combinations of subjects achieving their 'next step' after Sixth Form. That is what we are all about.

98.7% of students completed their main study programme (West Sussex 91%\*)

92% of students progressed to further/higher education or employment at 18 (West Sussex 81%\*)

	A*/Distinction *	A/Distinction	B	C/Merit	D	E/Pass
% at grade	7.62%	20.73%	17.99%	27.74%	15.85%	9.15%
Cumulative %	7.62%	28.35%	46.34%	74.09%	89.94%	99.09%

We know that great outcomes look different for different students- the most important thing for us is to treat you as individuals and get you to where you hope to be in 2027!

\*ISDR 2023 (2024 not yet published by UK Government)





# Building a Sixth Form Programme

Most of our Year 12 students begin the Sixth Form studying 3 A Level courses or equivalents, for example:

A Level Biology/ A Level Mathematics/ A Level French

Or

Applied Science National BTEC/ Business CTEC Diploma

Or

A Level Media Studies / A Level Psychology/ Health & Social Care CTEC Extended Certificate

We encourage all A Level Scientists who are not studying A Level Maths to take CORE Maths; this should be a fourth option.

Other students are also welcome to add this as a fourth subject.

Students wishing to study a fourth subject that is not Further Maths will need a strong academic profile including 5x Grade 8 at GCSE.

Students have the option to further enhance their profile by completing the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) in the second year providing their academic progress is strong in year one.

Most students progress from Oriel's Year 11 into Sixth Form. However, you don't need to live in the catchment area or even to have been to Oriel High School to join our popular and supportive Sixth Form and every year we welcome students from other Crawley schools and from further afield.

## Sixth Form Admissions criteria:

- 5 or more grades 4-9; including equivalents across at least 4 subjects
- Maths and English Language Grade 4 or above
- Average GCSE GRADE of at least 3.5 (average of ALL GCSE full courses taken)

## Entry Requirements for A Level courses

- 5 or more grades 5-9; including equivalents across at least 5 subjects
- Maths and English Language Grade 4 or above
- Average GCSE GRADE of at least 4
- Maths and Science subjects require average GCSE grade of at least 4.75

**Subject specific requirements** available from subject teams at our Open Evening and in the [course information](#) on the website.

# Why choose Oriel Sixth Form?

## Our support for your ambitions

Whatever you hope to achieve in the future we will support your personal and professional growth over your time in the Sixth Form.

You will complete a Personal Statement in your application and discuss this in your interview with the Sixth Form team – this is the start of a two-year journey to success. As you move through Sixth Form you will experience:

- Weekly Tutorials focussed on University and the World of Work/ Apprenticeship pathways
- Careers interview for independent advice and guidance
- Work experience week in Year 12
- University Trips and UCAS Fair
- National Apprenticeship Show
- Mock interviews
- Legends@Lunchtime- weekly opportunities to meet Sixth form alumni, hear about their careers, ask advice and build your professional network
- Application support for all pathways- including intensive coaching for application materials (UCAS) and professional brand building (CV/LinkedIn)
- Specific pathway support- for example Oxbridge coaching and MedSoc (Medicine/Dentistry/Veterinary) and entry testing support for university
- Subject trips and visits to enhance your application
- Parents Information Events and termly newsletters with a Futures focus
- Parents Consultation Evenings
- Progress Interviews for every student to review Year 12 and set up success in Year 13



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## Our support for your personal development

Life in the Sixth Form will also offer you a wealth of opportunities to have fun and develop your skills beyond your studies, including:

- Weekly Tutorials with a focus on wellbeing and personal development
- Workshop assemblies with visiting speakers
- Raising and Giving events, run by the students and for the students including the annual Festive Fair for Years 7 & 8
- Sixth Form Student Leadership Team- Year 13 appointed team who oversee the Raising and Giving work of the Sixth Form and work with Senior Staff to continually improve the Sixth Form experience
- Year 12 Tutor representatives- a student voice opportunity
- Overseas trips and visits – including Poland; Amsterdam; Munich; New York and Florence.
- Money Matters competition, planning for financial independence
- Brighton Trip – teamwork and an end of year celebration in Year 12
- Volunteering e.g. Reading Buddy to Year 7 students; Sponsored walk marshalling and Sports Day
- School Football team
- Discounted gym membership
- Leavers Ball

## Any questions?

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## A few final words from our Senior Student Team



My time at Sixth Form will not only leave me as a well-developed individual but also with many fun memories.



Due to the small class sizes, you build meaningful relationships with your teachers and classmates, something I have found super helpful.



The best moment so far would have to be helping out with the School production of 9-5. I am hoping to go on to a conservatoire in hopes of one day becoming an actress.



One of my favourite parts of Sixth Form was the opportunity to visit Florence, which enriched my learning by allowing us to be immersed in the local culture.



I am hoping to study Medicine at university which wouldn't have been possible without the encouragement and support that I have received from MedSoc and the sixth form team.



I stayed at Sixth Form because it's a place where I could grow and make a real difference, while still being surrounded by a familiar community. My favourite part of my time here was the Florence trip, I got to make lifelong memories and also spend the week eating pasta!



The sixth form offers loads to do like apprenticeship fairs and university fairs, as well as fun days like the Brighton trip and in general the day-to-day life is fairly fun, as fun as school can be.



The smaller class sizes allow you to form stronger relationships with teachers and students and gain more meaningful classroom experiences. You are encouraged to ask for help, which I have found incredibly useful in my studies and revision.



My best moments at Oriel were the many football games and the Brighton trip at the end of year 12. I hope to study Economics at university after Year 13.



I have developed a strong interest in hands-on learning and leadership, which has driven me to pursue an apprenticeship next. I'm looking forward to gaining real-world experience where I can put my problem-solving skills and work ethic to use, while I grow and build a successful career.



I chose to stay at my school for Sixth Form because of the strong academic support from my teachers and the positive environment that has helped me grow both personally and academically.



# SIXTH FORM APPLICATION PROCESS

## Key dates

**Sixth Form Open Evening**

**Thursday 24th October 6-8pm**

**Applications open**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

**Applications close**

**Friday 10th January**

**Interviews**

**February 2025**

**Provisional offers made**

**March 2025**

**Deadline for replies**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**Results day & enrolment**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August**



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